

BRIAN BURNETT'S MINUTES FROM JULY 23-24, 2003, GBRWTF

Task Force Attendees: Larry Blair, Conci Bokum, Brian Burnett, Frank Chaves, Bill Debuys, Chuck Dumars, Louis Gariano, Eileen Grevey Hillson, Debbie Hughes, Howard Hutchinson, Barbara Johnson, Elmer Lincoln, Jr., Joseph Maestas, Alan Martinez, G.X. McSherry, Paul Paryski, Tami Rubin, Elmer Salazar, Cyle Sharp, Manuel Trujillo, Jack Westman.

Staff Attendees: John D'Antonio, Rhea Graham, Tim Murrell, William Toribio, Anne Watkins, Liz Zeiler.

The following summaries represent the major topics discussed during the two day meeting:

Session 1 (4:00-6:30pm): No ISC or OSE staffs were able to join us for this part of the meeting due to prior commitments around the state. During this time, the members talked about the structure of a state water plan and the various components that will comprise it. There was a lengthy discussion about policies and how these would be developed. A number of members had been able to attend meetings in their communities and they provided feedback on what the public was saying. The rest of the time focused on the role of the GBRWTF in assisting the ISC and OSE. It was noted that the task force is advisory and that we need to work closely with staff in a number of areas such as the development of the water plan, the formulation of legislation, and general feedback on topics that may arise month to month.

Session 2 (7:15-9:45pm): Anne Watkins from the OSE joined the group and provided good input relating to how the ISC and OSE are considering how to draft the plan. Comments from the earlier session were shared and there was a general discussion about the need to develop a definition of terms prior to formulating detailed policies. Debbie Hughes reviewed a number of strategies and plans for the removal of invasive species and improving watershed health. Other members shared their experiences with this topic. At the end of this session, it was decided to use the subject of conservation as a topic to try and develop definition and policies.

Session 3 (7:45-10:00am): The group spent the morning talking about a definition of conservation and possible policies. While no formal decisions were made, there was general agreement that conservation is a cornerstone element of the plan and that the term applies to using less, reducing consumptive use, and the preservation from loss, waste or harm.

Session 4 (10:00-12:00noon): John D'Antonio and Rhea Graham along with ISC Staff joined the meeting. John fielded a number of questions regarding the status of the silvery minnow negotiations and strategies to protect the state's water. He noted that, in his opinion, the discussions with the task force are very helpful to him as he listens to different perspectives. He noted that help on the water plan and legislative matters will be other key ways that the group can be effective.

Educational Topics: During the entire meeting, a list of topics for educational purposes was developed. These included:

1. Supreme Court Committee to Review Adjudication Process
2. South Dakota Development of Large Infrastructure Projects
3. Review of San Juan Basin Shortage Sharing Agreement
4. Review of State of Kansas Plan
5. Presentations from Governmental Agencies
6. Review of Completed Water Regional Water Plans
7. ZeroNet Presentation (LANL)
8. NM First Town Hall Water and Energy Results
9. Reviewing Delegation Funding Priorities for Water
10. Weather Predictions Experts
11. Review of Native American and Acequia Rights
12. Cooperative Water Model (SNL)
13. Desalination Technology (SNL)
14. Native American Conservation / Development Strategies and Processes
15. Financial Strategies
16. Water Quality Management Planning
17. Watershed Management Strategies

It was agreed that future meetings will have some component of education for the membership. Brian will work with ISC staff to coordinate upcoming topics.

August Meeting: It was agreed that the August meeting will focus on the water plan, and will attempt to assist the ISC and OSE to prepare for the town hall scheduled for late September.

Minutes submitted by Brian Burnett and Elmer Salazar.